

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) The image pickup apparatus comprising:

photographic means for photographing a subject;

directory creation means for creating directories according to shooting situations selected from multiple predetermined types of shooting situations;

assigning means for assigning image data produced by the photographic means as a result of photography to the directories according to the selected shooting situations;

attaching means for attaching identification information to the image data according to the selected shooting situations; and

storage means for storing the image data to which the identification information is attached, together with an photo diary application program ~~of one or more specified applications~~, so as to associate the image data and shooting situations with the photo diary application ~~with the applications~~.

2. (original) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

when desired ones of the shooting situations are selected, the assigning means assigns all image data obtained sequentially as a result of photography by the photographic means to directories corresponding to the shooting situations.

3. (original) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

after all the shooting situations are selected, the one or more applications can select from among ones according to said selected shooting situations.

4. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

selection means for selecting the shooting situations from the multiple predetermined types of shooting situations; and

display means for displaying marks and/or characters according to the shooting situations being selected sequentially, in synchronization with selection operations by the selection means.

5. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the attaching means attaches time information that represents shooting date/time for the photographic means and image recording information that represents conditions specified for the image constituted of the image data to the image data together with the identification information.

6. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the attaching means attaches location information that represents a shooting location for the photographic means and image recording information that represents conditions specified for the image constituted of the image data to the image data together with the identification information.

7. (currently amended) A recording method comprising:

a first step of creating directories according to shooting situations selected from multiple predetermined types of shooting situations;

a second step of assigning image data produced as a result of photographing subjects to the directories according to the selected shooting situations;

a third step of attaching identification information to the image data according to the selected shooting situations; and

a fourth step of storing the image data to which the identification information is attached, together with an photo diary application program ~~of one or more specified applications~~, so as to associate the image data and the shooting situations ~~with the photo diary application~~ with the applications.

8.(original) The recording method according to claim 7, wherein

when desired ones of the shooting situations are selected, the second step assigns all image data obtained sequentially as a result of photography to directories corresponding to the shooting situations.

9.(original) The recording method according to claim 7, wherein

in the fourth step, after all the shooting situations are selected, the one or more applications can select from among ones according to said selected shooting situations.

10.(previously presented) The recording method according to claim 7, wherein

when selecting the desired shooting situations from the multiple predetermined types of shooting situation, the first step display marks and/or characters according to the shooting situations being selected sequentially.

11.(previously presented) The recording method according to claim 7, wherein

the third step attaches time information that represents shooting date/time and image recording information that represents conditions specified for the image constituted of the image data to the image data together with the identification information.

12.(previously presented) The recording method according to claim 7, wherein

the third step attaches location information that represents a shooting location and image recording information that represents conditions specified for the image constituted of the image data to the image data together with the identification information.